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LONGENDALE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Medical Officer's Report for the year ending December 31st 1953.

To the Chairman and Members of
the District Council.

Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year 1953 and which consists mainly of statistical figures with relative information as and where this appertains to any material change from previous years.

POPULATION.

Registrar General's estimate for 1953 is 4450.

BIRTHS.

There were 65 live births during 1953. Of these 30 were males, and 35 females. 85% were born in Maternity Institutions or Hospitals.

Three illegitimate children are included.

The Crude Birth Rate was 14.6 per 1000, compared with 15.3 per 1000 for 1952.

The Birth Rate adjusted for comparative purposes with other areas was 16.3 compared with a figure of 15.5 for the country as a whole.

No Still Births were registered.

DEATHS. The number of deaths during 1953 was 63. Of these 37 were males and 26 females.

The Crude Death Rate was 14.1 per 1000 compared with 18.5 per 1000 for 1952.

The Death Rate adjusted for comparative purposes with other areas was 10.8 compared with a figure of 11.4 for the country as a whole.

The principal causes of death are as follows:-

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Diseases of Heart.....	10	5	15
Diseases of Blood Vessels.....	2	10	12
Cancer.....	10	5	15
Tuberculosis.....	-	-	-
Influenza.....	2	-	2
Bronchitis.....	2	-	2
Pneumonia.....	1	1	2
Violence and Accident.....	4	-	4
Ulcer of Stomach.....	-	1	1
Other Diseases.....	6	4	10
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	37	26	63
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INFANT MORTALITY.

There was 1 death amongst infants under 1 year of age, revealing an Infant Mortality Rate of 15.3.

MATERNAL MORTALITY.

No deaths occurred as the result of pregnancy.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Measles.....	170
Whooping Cough.....	3
Scarlet Fever.....	6
Chicken-Pox.....	23
Erysipelas.....	1
Dysentery.....	1

LABORATORY FACILITIES.

Specimens taken from patients for various bacteriological tests by family practitioners are sent to the National Health Laboratory at Monsall Hospital, Manchester. Reports upon such specimens are sent to the patient's own doctor, and a copy of same is forwarded to the Health Office.

The duty for the examination of milk supplies rests with the County Council and during the year under review, 19 samples of milk were obtained and submitted for examination for the presence of Bovine Tuberculosis.

In no instance was the milk found to contain tubercle bacilli.

TUBERCULOSIS.

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
The number of cases on the register on 31/12/52 was	-	12
The number of cases added to register during 1953 was	-	2
The number of cases removed from register during 1953 was	-	2
The number of cases remaining on register on 31/12/53 was	12	10

CARE OF MOTHERS AND YOUNG CHILDREN. (Service under County Council administration).

Hollingworth Clinic.

Improved facilities for the parking of prams so as to secure protection from adverse weather conditions were completed during the year. The deterioration of the interior wall surface previously reported has not so far been remedied.

A weekly Ante-Natal Clinic is held following a School-child Nurse's session each Tuesday afternoon.

One session per month is devoted to immunisation and which is undertaken by the Divisional Medical Officer.

(Hollingworth Clinic - ctd.)

Child Welfare Sessions were held from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month throughout the year - a local medical practitioner being in attendance.

<u>New Cases.</u>	<u>Total Attendance.</u>	<u>Average Attendance.</u>	<u>Seen by Doctor.</u>
56	1579	66	379

The M. & C.W. Clinic held in the Methodist Church School, Broadbottom, was open on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday afternoon each month. A local medical practitioner attends to give advice on child care and to carry out immunisation.

<u>New Cases.</u>	<u>Total Attendance.</u>	<u>Average Attendance.</u>	<u>Seen by Doctor.</u>
17	665	28	191

AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

The area is covered by the Hyde Health Division for general, accident, and infectious cases, the number conveyed being 1958; this is an increase of 681 on the number conveyed during 1952. The majority of patients were conveyed to the Ashton Group of hospitals.

PROFESSIONAL NURSING IN THE HOME.

One full-time Domiciliary Nurse attended 92 patients in Mottram and Broadbottom upon 2634 occasions.

The Hollingworth district is served by a Nurse whose duties also include cases resident in Tintwistle.

Due to the scattered area allocated to this particular nurse, she uses her own motor-car for which she is reimbursed on a mileage basis for all official journeys connected with her nursing duties.

Nursing requisites are stored at private addresses in Mottram and Broadbottom and at the M. & C.W. Centre at Hollingworth. The requisites such as back-rests, bed-pans, etc. are available on loan from the stores by application to either of these nurses.

MIDWIFERY.

One midwife allocated to the district attended the 9 cases in which the birth took place in the homes of the patients. The trend for child-birth to take place in maternity institutions is revealed by the fact that this figure represents only 15% of the total births in 1953.

Facilities are available at the Hollingworth M. & C.W. Centre for the midwife to carry out examinations of per patients prior to confinement.

HEALTH VISITING.

One Health Visitor supervises the welfare of infants, young children, expectant mothers and nursing mothers by paying visits to the homes and attending at the Clinics. Visits to cases of Tuberculosis for Care and After-Care purposes, and to any aged and infirm persons in need of attention, also form part of her duties.

The number and types of visits paid to the homes are as under:-

<u>Expectant Mothers.</u>	<u>Children under five.</u>	<u>School children.</u>	<u>Re Home Helps.</u>	<u>T.B.</u>	<u>Aged Persons.</u>
233	3118	102	40	55	102

The Health Visitor possesses a motor-car which she uses for her work and for which expense she is reimbursed according to the mileage covered.

DOMESTIC HELP.

Domestic Helps were provided in 6 cases of domiciliary midwifery and infirmity etc. who made application for such help.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

The report of your Sanitary Inspector has been submitted to me and is attached for your consideration and approval.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

F. W. C. BROWN.

Medical Officer of Health.

Municipal Buildings,
Greenfield Street,
HYDE.

August, 1954.

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LONGDENDALE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Sanitary Inspector's report for the year ended 31st Dec. 1953.

Gentlemen.

I have pleasure in submitting my report for the year 1953.

BUILDING PROGRESS.

New building -	Council Houses	29
	Extension to houses	2
	Other buildings	17
Old buildings -	Houses demolished	2
	Other buildings demolished	1
Change of Use -	Chapel to warehouse	1
	House combined with shop to house and lock-up shop	1

Housing

INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR.

(a)	Total number of dwellings inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	<u>78</u>
(b)	Number of inspections made for this purpose to be	<u>115</u>
(c)	Number of dwellings found not/in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	<u>74</u>

PROCEEDINGS UNDER THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS.

Dwellings unfit at beginning of year	<u>36</u>	
" found unfit during year	<u>74</u>	110
Dwellings made fit after Statutory Notice	<u>6</u>	
" " " " Informal Notice	<u>70</u>	76
Dwellings still unfit after Statutory Notice	<u>5</u>	
" " " " Informal Notice	<u>29</u>	34

PROCEEDINGS UNDER HOUSING ACTS.

nil

Six houses were involved in the service of Statutory Notices during the year. No work was done in default of such notices. The majority of the houses which were still unfit at the end of the year have had the defects remedied.

INSPECTIONS AND VISITS.

Houses	115	
Drains, Closets, Septic Tanks	592	
Ashbins, etc.	48	
Offensive accumulations	10	
Dairies and Milk Distribution	36	
Keeping of animals etc.	102	
Factories (including Bakeries)	41	
Workplaces	34	
Food Premises	88	
Premises registered under Sec.14 -		
Food & Drugs Act 1938	32	
Slaughterhouse and Knacker Yards	22	
Offensive Trades	28	
Shop Acts	17	
Infectious Diseases	9	
Disinfection and Disinfestation	6	
Rodent Control	821	
Miscellaneous and Interviews	154	2155

NOTICES.

Statutory Notices served	10	
Informal Notices	71	
Nuisances abated with or without notice	172	

WATER SUPPLY.

No progress has been made with the scheme to improve the supply of water to the Mottram and Broadbottom Wards and to certain outlying parts of Hollingworth. Until this, or some other improvement scheme, is carried out there is little chance of any important housing development in Mottram or Broadbottom and even small amounts of new building will cause deterioration in the precarious balance between supply and shortage in the higher land. This balance was utterly upset by comparatively small matters on two occasions during the year and each time the services of the Cheshire County Fire Brigade were used to pump water into the high level tank at Roe Cross so that the balance might be quickly restored.

Three premises have been connected to the Hattersley main and a small bore pipe in Moss Lane, Broadbottom has been replaced by a 3" main.

Although the water is not treated in any way samples are satisfactory and apart from the two occasions mentioned above the supply has been adequate for the needs of the District.

Six premises are served by a common standpipe connected to the Council's Supply while about 161 dwellings accommodating some 288 people are dependent upon private supplies.

Supply	1000 gallons per day			Served		Gallons per head per day
	Total	Business	Domestic	Houses	Population	
Hollingworth	53.48	6.21	47.27	716	1930	24.49
Mottram and Broadbottom	39.46	4.48	34.98	916	2404	14.55
	92.94	10.69	82.25	1632	4334	18.97

SCAVENGING.

Most of the refuse in the District is removed once per week but in some parts it is only possible to give a fortnightly service. If it were possible to dispense with the

pail closets then a weekly collection of domestic refuse could be arranged with ease.

Disposal is by land-fill at a tip off Broadbottom Road and this tip is filling up rapidly. Another site or sites should be acquired fairly quickly so that any preliminary drainage and fencing which may be needed may be done before the site is actually used.

Labour and transport for this service are supplied by the Engineer and Surveyor.

The Council have a supply of dustbins and sanitary pails which are delivered to property on receipt of orders from the owners to whom the accounts are then charged. 28 pails and 48 dustbins have been so supplied in the year.

Sewerage.

The plan to enlarge both sewage outfall works and sewer as much of the urban district as possible is virtually at a standstill, 4% of the houses in the district are served by pail closets.

The Council grant up to £8. per conversion for voluntary conversion to Fresh Water Closets and 10 such conversions have been made in the year. In addition 30 fresh ~~water~~ closet connections were made of which 29 were in respect of new houses.

The approximate sanitary statistics of the District are :-

	1952.		1953.	
	Houses.	Other.	Houses.	Other.
Estimated population	4458		4450	
Separate Dwellings	1766		1794	
Pail Closets	656	30	647	30
Ashbins	1456	38	1481	39
W.W. Closets	46		46	
F.W. Closets	972	145	1006	146
F.W. Trough Closets		12		12
Hand Flush Closets	9		9	
Baths	553	7	587	7

RODENT CONTROL.

Thirty-nine new infestations of rats were found in the year. 375 properties were inspected and the total visits including old infestations from last year cleared in the current year were 821.

The annual 10% test bait of the council's two sewerage systems showed a result of no takes and this was gratifying. There was no need, therefore, to treat the sewers for infestation.

MEAT, MILK AND OTHER FOODS.

There has been no formal seizure of food unfit for human consumption but a very small amount has been voluntarily surrendered by shop-keepers on these grounds.

Meat- No animals have been killed for human consumption in the District in the past year.

Ice-Cream- None of the premises licenced in respect of ice cream manufacture the commodity but deal in pre-packed goods purchased wholesale. All premises are satisfactory and no action has been taken under the Ice Cream (Heat Treatment) Regulations.

Milk- At the end of the year, the current registrations under the

various regulations were :-

Dairies	- 2	(2 using the dairies above, 9 shopkeepers)		
Distributors	- 14	(selling bottled milk, 3 with premises outside the district).		
Sterilised Milk	-	Dealers - 12	Supplementary - 1	
Pasteurised	-	" - 3	"	- 1
Tuberculin Tested	" - 2	"	"	- 1

No action has been taken under part VII of the Milk and Dairies Regulations 1949.

Of the 50 farms in the District 34 produce milk for sale, 8 produce milk for use in connection with other stock and 8 are either vacant or not keeping milch cows.

Premises - If the word "food" be interpreted in a wide sense, there are 94 premises dealing in food (excluding farm dairies). Many of the shops concerned deal in more than one line of food and it is difficult to classify them according to the main trade and in the following list an attempt is made to show the type of business concerned.

Number	Registration (if any)			
	Sec. 14 FDA.		Milk & Dairies.	
	Ice Cream	Preserved Food	Distributor	Dairy
Chip Potatoes, Fried fish	5	-	5	-
Butchers	8	-	6	-
Manufacturing bakery,) grocery, sweets)	10	3	6	2
Grocery, Sweets, Greengrocery	11	2	-	3
Grocery, Sweets	11	2	-	4
Sweets	6	4	-	-
Greengrocery	4	-	-	-
Greengrocery, Fish	5	-	-	-
Retail Bakery, Grocery, Sweets	1	1	-	-
Public Houses	16	-	-	-
Clubs selling drinks	5	-	-	-
Factory & School Canteen	5	-	-	-
Snack Bar	2	1	-	-
Cinema	1	-	-	-
Hostel	1	-	-	-
Cafe	1	-	-	-
Dairies	2	-	-	2
	94	13	17	11
				2

There have been 32 visits of inspection to premises registered under Sec.14 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938 and 118 to other food premises excluding dairies.

LICENSED SLAUGHTER-HOUSES.

None of the three licensed slaughter-houses have been used for that purpose during the past year. All are situated in Hollingworth.

Knackers Yard.

A portion of Hyde Brook Works is licensed for use as a Knackers Yard.

OFFENSIVE TRADES.

Fat extraction and associated industries are carried on at Hyde Brook Works. In the past year a substantial part of the works has been rebuilt on the same site, and with the improved working conditions it is hoped that the management will be able to control still further the fumes from the processes which from time to time cause nuisance to the people in the vicinity of the works.

Disinfection and Disinfestation.

There have been fifteen inspections and visits connected with disinfection due to illness and disinfestation other than rodents.

FACTORIES.

In two cases it was found that the sanitary accommodation in factories was unsatisfactory and both were remedied after the service of informal notices. One factory is still in the process of re-organising the sanitary accommodation provided for the workpeople.

There are 25 factories on the register and 41 visits were made.

Workplaces.

There are about 40 offices and Workplaces and those inspected have been found satisfactory.

The Officials and Staff of the Council have been most co-operative on many occasions and I thank them for their assistance.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

ARNOLD SWINDELLS

Sanitary Inspector.

Council Offices ,
4, Broadbottom Road ,
MOTTRAM.

August, 1954.

